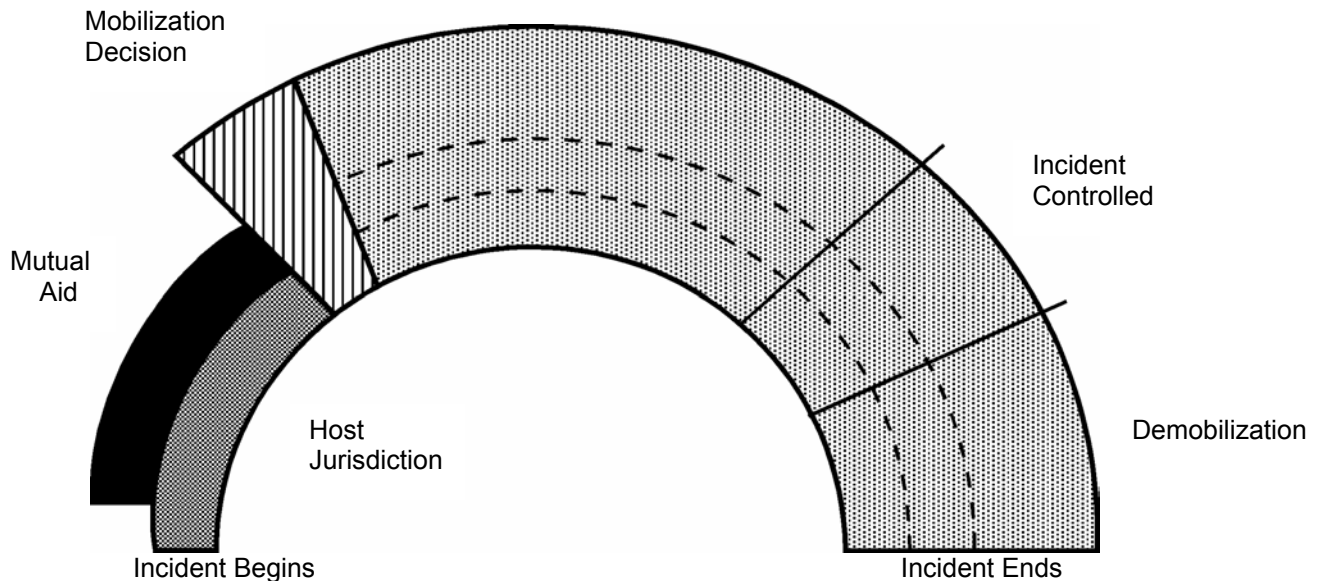


## SECTION 4

### EMERGENCY INCIDENT PROGRESSION

The arch below portrays the progression of an incident and is a graphic representation of the significant resource providers to a fire or other emergency incident that could involve federal, regional, and state resources from beginning to end.



**State Fire Resources Mobilization  
Stages and Responsibility**

#### Initial Attack

At the outset the incident (host) jurisdiction responds and utilizes local resources. The local jurisdiction will remain involved in the incident, whether large or small, throughout its duration. If the event is within the control capabilities of the local jurisdiction, it will be handled by that jurisdiction.

The local jurisdiction responsibility is shown with the mid-gray, inner-arch, band.

#### Mutual Aid

Mutual aid is invoked in accordance with established mutual aid agreements when the incident jurisdiction requires immediate need resources beyond those locally available to achieve incident stabilization and control.

Mutual aid resources respond to the incident when the incident jurisdiction requests them, on a voluntary basis, without direct compensation, and may be terminated at any time by the Fire Chief of the jurisdiction that provided the mutual aid. In most situations, the combination of local and mutual aid resources will prove adequate to effectively deal with the incident.

The black band on the left side of the arch represents the mutual aid resources.

### **State Fire Services Mobilization Request**

If the Incident Commander determines that all available local and mutual aid resources are overwhelmed by the incident and events, state mobilization of additional fire resources is warranted and a request for state mobilization should be made.

This period of mobilization need, request, and decision is reflected by the cross hatched section of the arch.

A mobilization request is a judgment decision supported by an assessment of incident potential that prompts the Incident Commander to conclude that the resources present and/or available will not be able to stabilize and control the incident.

### **State Fire Services Mobilization**

Once state fire services mobilization has been approved, all local and mutual aid resources assigned to the incident become state mobilization resources. Additional available resources from beyond the local mutual aid network will be requested for response according to this *Mobilization Plan*.

The outside, light gray band on the arch represents the mobilization of fire resources by the state according to this *Mobilization Plan*.